

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

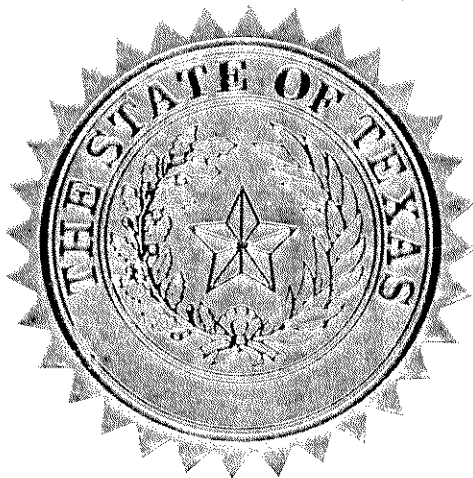
Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 317 as passed by the Eightieth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

House Bill No. 317 would repeal sections of the Texas Education Code that set enrollment requirements for the issuance of tuition revenue bonds (TRBs) for three small branch campuses, or "centers." The bill as filed would lower enrollment requirements for Tarleton State University System Center – Central Texas. H.B. No. 317 was amended to remove requirements completely for that center, as well as the University of North Texas System Center at Dallas and the Texas A&M University System Center at San Antonio.

The TRBs for the centers were authorized during the Third Called Special Session of the 79th Legislature with the understanding that the enrollment requirement necessary for their issuance would be set at 1,500 students for one semester, at which point they would have already become stand-alone institutions of higher education. It is my position that the centers should reach stand-alone status prior to the issuance of TRBs.

Furthermore, the centers have not experienced significant growth. In fact, their enrollment has remained relatively flat. This indicates that the centers are appropriately serving their area's educational needs without additional facilities. The repeal of the enrollment requirements necessary for the issuance of TRBs would result in greater state appropriations and sets a bad precedent for the future.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 15th day of June, 2007.

Rick Perry

RICK PERRY
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

Roger Williams
ROGER WILLIAMS
Secretary of State

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SECRETARY OF STATE
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